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technology. Fig. 1 shows a schematic line similar to lines 40 and 42 linking central communications facilities 12(#2) through 12(#n) to each other and to remote facility 14, using the communications functionality described above.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 46, 55, 56, 65 and 66 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

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76. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 73, wherein said software application is adapted to enable said computerized remote facility to facilitate a transaction using the information provided by said central communications facility.

REMARKS

I INTRODUCTION

Preliminarily, Applicant's counsel wish to extend their gratitude to Examiner Kalinowski for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interviews concerning this application.

Claims 30-87 are pending and stand rejected. Of those, claims 30-87 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph; claims 30-37, 39-43 and 77 stand rejected as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,231,571 to D'Agostino in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,992,940 to Dworkin; claims 44-55, 57-65, 67-76 and 78-87 stand rejected as allegedly